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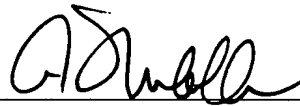
As discussed during a telephone interview between the Supervisory Patent Examiner, John Niebling, and attorney for Applicant, Joseph S. Makuch, on October 1, 2002, Applicant hereby restates its election of the species identified by the Primary Examiner in the Election Requirement dated May 29, 2002 as relating to forming a cylindrical insulating layer or cylindrical insulator. Claims 1-16, 25-40, and 49 read on this species.

Claim 49, which is generic, is amended to better define the claimed invention.

Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

49. (Amended) A method of making a semiconductor device including an inductor, comprising the steps of:

forming a semicircular groove in an insulating layer on a semiconductor substrate; and
forming an inductor in the groove.

[forming lower conductive lines across the groove;

forming a cylindrical insulator or a magnetic core above said lower conductive lines and aligned with said groove; and

forming upper conductive lines over said magnetic core;

electrically coupling said upper conductive lines to said lower conductive lines.]